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**CLAIMS AS FILED**

NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA		RATE	FEE
<b>TOTAL CLAIMS:</b>				
1 -20	0	x	\$18.00	0.00
<b>INDEPENDENT CLAIMS</b>				
1 -3	0	x	\$80.00	0.00
			<b>BASIC FILING FEE:</b>	\$710.00
			<b>TOTAL FILING FEE:</b>	710.00

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☐ Small entity status is claimed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.27.

4. ☒ Payment of fees:  
☒ Attached is a check in the amount of 710.00  
☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2725.
5. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees as set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.16 to 1.18 which may be required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Account No. 13-2725.
6. ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
7. ☐ A set of formal drawings ( sheets) is enclosed.
8. ☐ Priority of application Serial No. , filed on in , is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.
- ☐ The certified copy has been filed in prior application Serial No. , filed .
9. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to Sulzer Spine-Tech Inc. located at Minneapolis, Minnesota.
10. ☒ The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to:  

Merchant & Gould P.C.  
Minneapolis, MN 55402-2215
11. ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.  
☐ Fee for excess claims is attached.
12. ☐ A petition and fee has been filed to extend the term in the prior application until . A copy of the petition for extension of time in the prior application is attached.
13. ☐ The inventor(s) in this application are less than those named in the prior application and it is requested that the following inventors identified above for the prior application be deleted:
14. ☐ A Nonpublication Request under 37 CFR 1.213(a) is enclosed.
15. ☐ Also Enclosed:

16. ☒ Address all future communications to the Attention of James R. Chiapetta (may only be completed by attorney or agent of record) at the address below.
17. ☒ A return postcard is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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